

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 25 and 32 – 40 were pending in the present application. Claims 26 – 31 were allowed in the Office Action. By virtue of this response, claims 1, 3 – 4, 6 – 7, 12 – 14, 21 – 22, 24 – 25, 32, 36 – 38, and 40 have been canceled, claims 2, 5, 8 – 11, 15 – 20, 23, 33 – 35, and 39 have been amended, and new claims 41 – 47 have been added. Accordingly, claims 2, 5, 8 – 11, 15 – 20, 23, 33 – 35, 39, and 41 – 47 are currently under consideration, and claims 26 – 31 have been allowed. Amendment and cancellation of certain claims is not to be construed as a dedication to the public of any of the subject matter of the claims as previously presented. No new matter has been added.

Amendments of the Drawings

The examiner objected to the fact that feature “52” doesn’t appear to have been identified. In response, the applicant submits a replacement drawings and add reference numeral “52” in FIG. 6A.

The examiner objects to the drawings for failure to provide proper cross hatching in sectional views. In response, the applicant submits replacement drawings with proper cross-hatchings indicating plastic or polymeric materials in the sectional views.

The examiner advises the applicant to differentiate between species of structures. In response, reference numbers “14” and “26” in FIG. 2A, 2B, 2C, 3, and 4 have been amended to reflect such differentiation between species of structure.

Amendments of the Specification

Paragraph [0005] has been amended to correct a typographical error. U.S. Patent 5,950,823 entitled “Golf Club Holder” is issued on Sep. 14, 1999 to Flis, as stated in the specification. No new matter has been added.

Paragraphs [0042], [0043], [0046], and [0047] have been amended to modify reference numerals “14” and “26” to correspond to amendments in the replacement drawings in order to differentiate between species of structures, as advised by the examiner.

Amendments of the Claims

Claims 1, 3 – 4, 6 – 7, 12 – 14, 21 – 22, 24 – 25, 32, 36 – 38, and 40, were rejected in the Office Action. It is requested that they be canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The applicant expressly reserves the right to file a continuation application during the pendency of this application to continue the prosecution of the canceled claims.

Claims 2, 5, 8 – 11, 15 – 20, 23, 33 – 35, and 39 have been amended to rewrite those claims in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims, since Office Action paragraph 9 notes these claims would be allowable if so written.

Claims 2, 5, 8 – 11, 15 – 20, 23, 33 – 35, and 39 have been so written as indicated and so are in condition for allowance.

New claims 41 – 47 have been introduced. These new claims are dependent upon amended claims, which the applicant believes are in condition for allowance. The new claims are supported within paragraphs [0006], [0015], [0049], and FIG. 5B of the specification.

Claims 26 – 31 have been allowed as noted in Office Action paragraph 10.

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. The applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. **54412-2000300**. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Attached are the replacement sheets 1 – 4 for all of the drawings. The replacement sheets include drawings which the applicant believes to be in compliance with the PTO rules. Amendments have been made in FIG. 2A, 2B, 2C, 3, 4, and 6A, as requested by the examiner.

The reference numeral “52” has been added in FIG. 6A in response to the examiner’s objection.

Proper cross-hatchings indicating plastic or polymeric material have be provided in FIG. 1C, 1D, 2A, 2B, 2C, 3, 4, and 5A, as requested by the examiner.

In FIG. 2A, 2B, and 2C, the reference numerals “14” have been amended as reference numeral “14a” to differentiate between species of structures, as instructed by the examiner. In FIG. 2C, the reference numeral “26” has been amended as reference numeral “26a” to differentiate between species of structures. In FIG. 3, the reference numeral “14” has been amended as reference number “14b” to differentiate between species of structures. In FIG. 4, the reference numerals “14” have been amended as reference numeral “14c” to differentiate between species of structures.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets